

SigEp Journal



SIGMA PHI EPSILON SPRING 1991

From the Executive Director:

You've been waiting for a "new" Journal. We're testing some improvements in this issue. We've streamlined content to make it more sensitive to your time demands. We've packed in news about more chapters, and we intend to do the same with alumni news and with substantive articles on campus issues.

This is what Sig Eps have asked for, especially in recent interviews, surveys and in focus groups begun at the 1993 Grand Chapter Conclave and continuing through the fall.

The streamlining of the Journal also is driven by financial facts of life. We still mail to all living members even though fees paid into the Journal Fund have been based over the years on formulas developed in the 1950s, and even though the Fund provides only \$1/year per member to cover production and mailing costs. Postage and handling alone take 54 cents out of this dollar in years when we publish three issues.

Some fraternities, in response to similar challenges, have chosen to eliminate lifetime subscriptions. Some have chosen to institute new fees, charging as much as \$200 to \$300 for a lifetime subscription. Sigma Phi Epsilon's objective is to do what we said we'd do — provide a lifetime subscription for the \$15 Journal fee paid at initiation.

The Journal continues to be the best way to provide the vast majority with access to fraternity news. But there are at least two other forms of communication that need attention:

- Chapter newsletters. Most Sig Eps are interested, first and foremost, in their home chapter. Chapter newsletters, by and large, need substantial improvement.
- "Paperless communications." E-mail and other on-line computer and network services are being utilized by more and more of our members. Major newspapers and magazines are moving into electronic publishing. Interactive communications loom on the horizon. We must get ready to handle our own share of traffic on the Information Superhighway.

Most importantly, all of our communications, whatever the form, must "get the message to our members that the nice little fraternity we joined has become a real force and leader in Greek survival and renaissance," as one Sig Ep alumnus said in a Dallas focus group.

To help us reach this objective, we have asked consultants with experience in fraternity and university communications to make recommendations to the Fraternity's Board in May.

But we need your help. Please give us your thoughts, including an evaluation of changes in this issue of the Journal, by completing and mailing, faxing or E-mailing the centerfold response form. We will appreciate any comment or guidance you can supply.

Fraternally,
Ken Maddox



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In Brief

Sigma Phi Epsilon At A Glance

199,500 total initiates
139,000 living alumni
16,400 undergraduates
1,700 alumni volunteers
248 chapters
29 Sigma Epsilon chapters (colonies)

Chapters in 46 states; Sigma Epsilon chapters in three other states (Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii)
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105 chapters (38 percent of total) have at least a 2.80 GPA.
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40 chapters (14.5 percent) have highest fraternity GPA on campus.

Sig Ep in Australia

Brothers from five chapters are spending a semester abroad at Curtin University in Perth through the "Sig Ep in Australia" program.



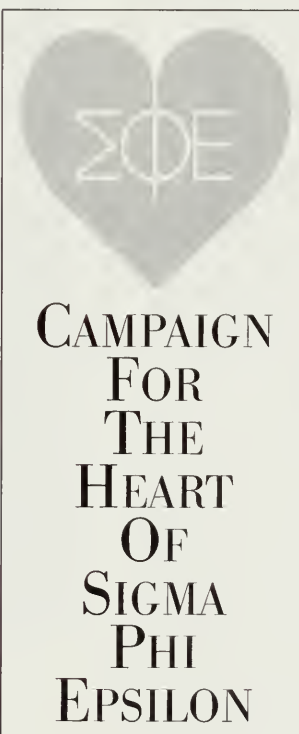
Brother Dave McLaughlin, a 1993 graduate of the Minnesota Alpha Chapter (Minnesota), works with the program and describes Curtin as "one of Australia's most progressive universities."

Brothers currently in Perth are Eric Overstreet, past president of Mississippi Alpha (Mississippi); Chris Duffe and Greg Lynch of Illinois Alpha (Illinois); John Quinn of Indiana Beta (Indiana); Robert Niceforo of New York Alpha (Syracuse); and Peter Bouley, Mark Kingsley, Jonathan Sauers, Jeremy Saxton, and Brian Smith of New York Sigma (Ithaca).

Campaign for Heart Tops \$5 Million Goal

In just two years, the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation's Campaign for the Heart has surpassed its \$5 million goal. The Campaign encouraged gifts to support the Fraternity's leadership and scholarship programs.

One result: Campaign Chairman Curtis L. Carlson (Minnesota '37) has endowed the annual leader-



ship academies. The Carlson Leadership Academies provide leadership training and support for undergraduates and alumni volunteers.

Williams Named Grand President



The 1993 Grand Chapter Conclave elected Michael C. Williams (Memphis State '69) as Sig Ep's 47th Grand President. His term ends in 1995.

"We continue to face the challenges of hazing, substance abuse and relationship abuse," Williams told the delegates. "But today we also face the basic challenge of our right to exist..."

"[We must] settle the issue once and for all that Sigma Phi Epsilon is a posi-

tive force in the lives of our brothers and on the campuses throughout this great country of ours."

Williams was elected to the National Board of Directors in 1985. He also served eight years on the National Housing Corporation and as a District Governor. Professionally, he is a partner with Evans and Petree, a Memphis, Tenn., law firm.

During 1994, 1,840 undergraduates and 313 alumni participated in the academies.

Regional Director Staff Will Be Increased

When the 1994-1995 school year begins this fall, Sigma Phi Epsilon will have 13 regional directors traveling to visit chapters throughout the country. Currently, the Fraternity has 11 men serving as regional directors. During the 1991-1992 school year, there were 10.

"Regional directors will now be able to spend more time with each chapter," says Jacques Vaucrain, Sig Ep's director of alumni and chapter development. Three years ago each regional director had an average of 28 chapters. Next year the average will be 21 chapters. A big reason for increased regional director time is the Balanced Man Project, now in the implementation stage. "It is a time-intensive program that requires a lot of follow-up," says Executive Director Ken Maddox.

Sigma Phi Epsilon's regional director staff spends eight weeks during the summer in Richmond in a demanding development program — becoming experts on recruitment, the Balanced Man Scholarship, academic programming, risk management, alumni recruitment and education, brotherhood development, crisis management, campus relations, and a host of other programs and initiatives. All have been leaders within their chapters and on their campuses.



DALLAS

CONCLAVE

New Chapter Standards Enacted

Sig Ep rounded 'em up and moved 'em out at the largest convention in Fraternity history. Dallas hosted "The Brotherhood Roundup," Sig Ep's 1993 Grand Chapter Conclave.

Delegates approved legislation that (1) established minimum academic requirements for maintaining membership—brothers must maintain a 2.0 GPA or face expulsion, (2) reorganized the chapter executive board to include vice presidents of finance, programming, member development and recruitment, (3) limits pledging to ten or fewer weeks, and (4) requires all future videotapes to include closed captioning.

Conclave's youngest and oldest: Jorey E. Ramer (left, MIT '95) and C. Maynard Turner (right, Washington '22), Past Grand President and member of the Order of the Golden Heart, were introduced by Bruce H. Hasenkamp, Past Grand President.



Buchanan Cup, for excellence in all areas of chapter operation, is presented to Steven C. Vosseller of Washburn University by Norman E. Nabhan, Grand Treasurer.

Order of the Golden Heart

Sig Ep's highest alumni honor, recognizing a lifetime of service, was presented to:

Bobby G. Bennett, *Barton '67*
Richard A. St. John, *Toledo '63*
Ronald D. Strader, *Kansas State '64*

Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation

The Fraternity's highest career honor was presented to:

Orel Hershiser, *Bowling Green '80*
Pitcher, Los Angeles Dodgers
Frederick E. Hutchinson, *Maine '53*
President, University of Maine
Paul C. Jennings, *Colorado State '58*
Vice President and Provost
California Polytechnic State University
Terrence J. Lundgren, *Arizona '74*
C.E.O., Neiman Marcus
Hank Moonjean, *Southern California '52*
Independent movie producer
Rt. Rev. Richard L. Shimpfky, *Colorado '63*
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real
Daniel B. Stuart, *Texas '50*
President, Stuart & Company

Buchanan Cup Recipients

The Fraternity's prestigious award for chapters displaying excellence in all areas of operation over a two-year period was presented to:

Henderson State University
Arkansas Beta
Stanford University
California Pi
University of Delaware
Delaware Alpha
Florida International University
Florida Nu
Florida State University
Florida Epsilon
University of Florida
Florida Alpha
University of Tampa
Florida Zeta
Monmouth College
Illinois Gamma
Kansas State University
Kansas Beta

Pittsburg State University
Kansas Theta

Washburn University
Kansas Delta

Johns Hopkins University
Maryland Alpha

University of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Alpha

Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Massachusetts Beta

Lawrence Technological University
Michigan Theta

Western Michigan University
Michigan Beta

University of Minnesota
Minnesota Alpha

Central Missouri State University
Missouri Theta

Northwest Missouri State University
Missouri Lambda

Canisius College
New York Lambda

State University of New York-Oswego
New York Pi

Ohio University
Ohio Xi

University of Cincinnati
Ohio Theta

Oregon State University
Oregon Alpha

LaSalle University
Pennsylvania Omega

Pennsylvania State University
Pennsylvania Eta

West Chester University
Pennsylvania Tau

University of Rhode Island
Rhode Island Beta



RESPONSIBILITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

Sig Ep is committed to building "balanced men." The newspapers highlight sophomoric behavior. We talk about positive brotherhood development, based on mutual respect. Broadcasters focus on sporadic hazing incidents. No doubt, most chapters have some area in which they need to improve. But Sigma Phi Epsilon, by and large, consists of fine young men interested in improving themselves, their campuses, and their communities. But you don't have to take our word for it. Here are some examples of how chapters are improving in a number of areas.

Socially — University of New Hampshire

Throughout the Northeast, the University of New Hampshire's Greek system is known as a risk management nightmare. For years,

the Sig Eps were no exception. Despite the fact that an IFC BYOB policy exists on paper, chapters on campus still purchase and distribute alcohol at parties.

Last year, the Sig Eps decided they were going to be different.

They went the whole nine yards—no more purchasing alcohol, BYOB for age 21 only, guest lists, carding at the door, etc.

The results have been phenomenal. Says Chapter President Chris Ames, "With the money we used to spend on alcohol, we've already had four bands, bought a new house stereo, plan to take the entire chapter to a Red Sox game, and buy a new foosball table. Parties are 100% better. No other chapter on campus offers a party like ours. Attendance is up even though people know there's no beer served here. Brotherhood participation is up, too. We're setting a precedent. If we can do it, other people can, too."

Sexually — Worcester Polytechnic Institute

The Massachusetts Beta Chapter recently sponsored a campus program entitled "Brothers and Sisters Get AIDS, Too." The presentation, facilitated by BACCHUS Director of Projects and Programings T.J. Sullivan, was designed to get the message across that absolutely no one is immune to the HIV virus. Massachusetts Beta has been instrumental in teaching the campus at Worcester about the importance of safe sex.

Academically — Iowa State University

Every semester, the Iowa Beta Chapter would have a retreat, set an academic goal, fail to achieve it, and do nothing about it. Until last semester, that is, when a group of undergraduates decided there would be consequences for not making their G.P.A. goal of 2.85.

If the chapter got a 2.75 to a 2.84, all video games would be removed from individual rooms and at least one weekend a month would be dedicated to total quiet and studying in the house. If the chapter got a 2.65 to a 2.74, all TVs would be removed from individual rooms, and all members would be awakened an hour before their earliest class. Should the chapter get below a

2.65, all telephones would be removed. The whole chapter voted to accept these consequences. When grades came in, they got a 2.68.

"When we got the grades, I thought we were going to have to go to the chapter and make a compromise," says President Lindsey Falk. "But the guys stuck to it. All individual TVs and video games are gone. A lot more people are going to class because they're out of bed. The house is quiet. The best thing is that better brotherhood is a byproduct because people aren't hanging out in their rooms anymore by themselves watching TV. We do things a lot more together now. Our committee has already gotten together to set consequences for our new goals."

Internally — University of Montana

The Sig Eps at the University of Montana continually struggled with what it meant to be a good Sig Ep. General conduct and apathy were persistent problems, and there was no format to hold members accountable for behavior and participation. So the chapter got together for an all-chapter retreat to set written standards to which all members would be accountable.

Says Chapter President Chad Canfield, "Everyone had input in the standards and everyone signed a copy. They're hanging on the wall right when you walk in the house. The standards board is meeting to deal with consistent violators. People are doing more positive things. Accountability and participation are up, and conduct is better."

Developmentally — Syracuse University

Hazing had been a consistent problem for the Sig Ep chapter at Syracuse. It wasn't too long ago that during pre-initiation week, pledges were required to sleep in a tiny room with Limburger cheese spread on the walls. But all of that stuff is gone now.

"The program now is based on respect," says President Chris

Tacinelli. "Now the pledges know there are responsibilities for pledges and responsibilities for brothers. We're all responsible to respect each other and ourselves. The pledges are learning things that they see in the chapter every day, not reading about how things are supposed to be but really aren't. We've also incorporated the alumni board and chapter counselor more so that pledges learn their roles and realize this is a life-time experience. We've added more ritualistic ceremonies from the *Development Guide*, too, so that when the guys go through the Ritual, they can really understand it. The attitude of the chapter is better.

"Change is tough. Nobody likes to change. But it's part of survival. The chapter next door is closed because they wouldn't change. The bottom line is, there's no use staying on a sinking ship. It's better to piss a few people off by changing than to give up."

Within The Community — University of Kansas

Since 1989, Sig Eps at the University of Kansas have participated in Natural Ties, a national program that integrates people with disabilities into college life by matching them up with students in campus organizations. Kansas Gamma has been with its "tie," or adopted brother, Brian Davidson, for five years. He stops by the chapter house as he pleases, eats dinner with the guys, goes to basketball games, and does anything that other college students do.

Says Vice President of Recruitment Brian Schaal, "Natural Ties enables our chapter to feel more comfortable around those with disabilities. I encourage other chapters to participate in this or a similar program, as it will benefit you in many ways." Kansas Gamma was recently recognized as having the nation's top Natural Ties program.

The Standards of Montana Alpha

Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon are expected to uphold the ideals of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. To help guide their behavior and define what is expected of them, the men of Montana Alpha have established a set of standards. These standards are to be followed by active members and pledges alike.

Members shall:

- Treat other members and guests with respect.
- Strictly observe the rules of the Ritual regarding dress and behavior.
- Create an environment such that Sigma Phi Epsilon is a place where open communication is both respected and encouraged.
- Enhance their personal development through active participation in the chapter, university, and community. (Every member shall aspire to achieve academically.)
- Recognize and support every member for their diversity and accept them for who they are and what they believe.
- Respect and promote the physical as well as the traditional aspects of the chapter house.
- Present themselves in a gentlemanly manner regarding language, behavior, and appearance.
- Recognize alumni and supporters for their contributions to Sigma Phi Epsilon.
- Maintain cleanliness of the chapter house and personal living areas.
- Pay bills in a timely manner.
- Observe the standards and bylaws of Montana Alpha.

ANNUAL REPORT

Sigma Phi Epsilon continues as the strongest fraternity in the world.

For the eleventh consecutive year, we attracted more recruits, initiated more brothers, and had more total members than any other college fraternity.

Our vision for the future is the "Balanced Man," which is the expression of the ancient Greek philosophy: "Spirit Healthy, Body Healthy." Building balanced men is the outward expression of our cardinal principles: Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love.

Membership The last two years have seen pledge and initiate numbers in the Greek-letter world plummet. Some fraternities report decreases of 17 percent in new members for each year since 1991-92. Sigma Phi Epsilon experienced a 6 percent decline in 1991-92, but saw a 1 percent increase during 1992-93. We will see an increase again during 1993-94.

Expansion We began the fall of 1993-94 with 253 active chapters and 18 Sigma Epsilon chapters (colonies). During 1992-93, we installed nine chapters, including three "dormant" chapters. Today, Sigma Phi Epsilon has chapters in 46 states (and soon all 50 states will host a Sig Ep chapter).

Each year, in fact, dozens of schools seek us out—more than we can manage and many that do not meet our standards for expansion. When we choose to expand at a quality institution, we believe we

have the programming and the alumni resources to improve life at that campus.

Chapter Closings Sigma Phi Epsilon's quest for quality includes having the strength to close non-performing chapters. Sadly, we withdrew nine charters during 1992-93, from chapters that violated our fraternity's high standards.

Chapters closed during 1992-93: State University of New York-Albany (hazing, non-performance), State University of New York-Geneseo (hazing, risk management), St. Leo College (hazing, risk management), Southern College of Technology (manpower, finances), University of Miami (risk management), University of South Florida (risk management, behavior), University of Vermont (hazing, risk management), Vincennes University (manpower, scholarship, risk management), and York College (manpower, scholarship).

Academics At the 1994 Carlson Leadership Academies, we recognized chapters for their performance during the 1992-93 academic year. Academic performance directly correlates with chapter strength and consistency. The numbers are impressive:

Dean's List

Chapter GPA at least 2.8
105 chapters, 38% of all chapters

Scholarship Cup

Top fraternity GPA on campus for entire academic year
40 chapters, 14.5% of all chapters

Alumni Support Motivated alumni volunteers provide crucial support to our successful chapters. Chapter counselors and alumni board members are a major fraternity asset, and serve as our front-line resource in building balanced men.

The Fraternity has dramatically increased training and educational opportunities for counselors and alumni board members. We have devoted expanded financial resources to making them more skilled and better equipped to do their jobs successfully. At the 1993 Grand Chapter Conclave, three-fourths of all chapters were represented by their chapter counselors.

Housing Many chapters have acquired, built, and renovated chapter houses, frequently supported by the National Housing Corporation. Over the past two years, the National Housing Corporation has distributed nearly \$2.1 million in second mortgage loans and provided a total of \$6.8 million in mortgage guaranties.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon property insurance program includes a nationwide master policy and has reduced premiums for the 75 enrolled chapters. The program includes periodic professional inspections to identify deficiencies, needed maintenance, and safety hazards.



BUILDING BALANCED LEADERS

FOR AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES



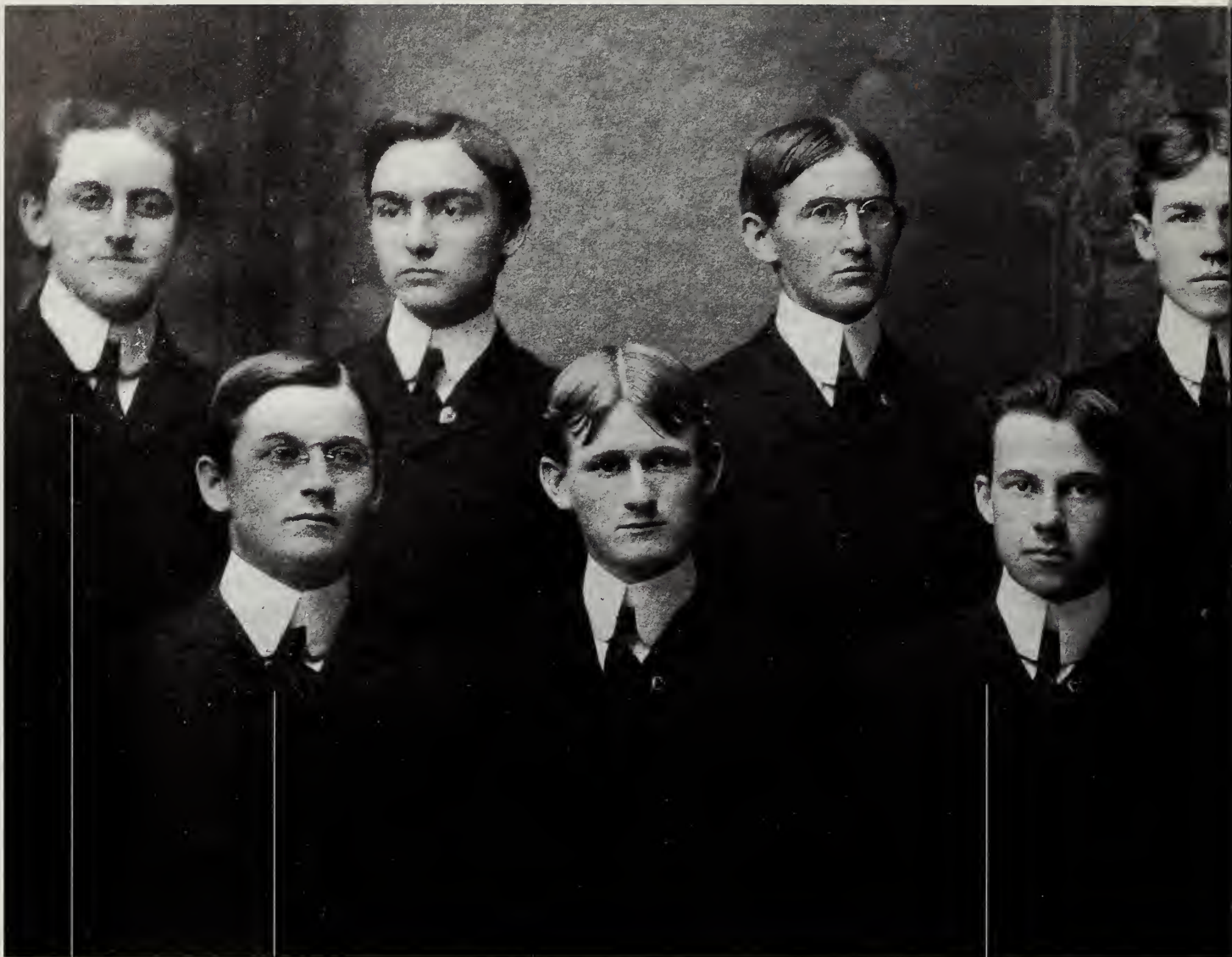
Sig Ep's North Star

It has been a long haul for the Minnesota Alpha chapter at the University of Minnesota. Closed in 1958, it lay dormant until a 1979 rechartering. After several fits and starts, Minnesota has come into its own. The chapter earned the Fraternity's highest honor (a Buchanan Cup) in 1993, then came home to a completely renovated new chapter house.

The chapter dedicated the house last October, with the help of Curtis L. Carlson (Minnesota '37) and Nils Hasselmo, president of the University of Minnesota and recently-initiated brother. Both are shown here in the chapter library which was dedicated to Brother Carlson, a member of the Order of the Golden Heart, a longtime trustee of the Sigma Phi Epsilon

Educational Foundation, and chairman of the successful \$5 million Campaign for the Heart.

John D. Huston (Iowa State '78), president of the Minnesota Alpha alumni corporation, spearheaded the renovation. The alumni corporation purchased the house more than a year ago for \$250,000, then spent \$600,000 to gut and rebuild the facility.



William L. Phillips
 Founder, born Normal, Ill., 1873. "Uncle Billy" became the first editor of the Journal in 1904, then went on to devote his life to Sigma Phi Epsilon, including 34 years as Grand Secretary. Died 1956, leaving his personal estate to the Fraternity. Nationally known as one of the great builders of the American fraternity system.

William H. Carter
 Founder, born Pittsylvania County, Va., 1878. Newspaper editor in his early years, then a much-admired Baptist pastor and field worker for most of his life. Died 1971 at age 92.

Benjamin D. Gaw*
 Founder, born Stuart's Draft, Va., 1870. Prominent Baptist pastor. Died 1919, at 49, in Washington, D.C.

YESTERDAY: Young Men With A Vision

This group of early Sig Eps photographed at Richmond College in 1901-1902 includes eight of Sigma Phi Epsilon's 12 founders. Young men of high moral character, the Fraternity's founders went on to build distinguished careers in a variety of professions and in service to others.

"As the members of an ideal fraternity," said the first issue of the Journal, "the resources of every member of that body are my resources; the product of their lives is my

daily life. The Fraternity is a common storehouse for experience, moral rectitude, and spirituality; the larger and purer the contribution of the individual the greater the resources of each member."

Richard S. Owens*
 Founder, born Hempstead, Va., 1880. Baptist minister whose interest in education gained him election as a trustee of the University of Richmond and Bluefield College. Died 1950.

Carter A. Jenkins
 Founder, born Oxford, N.C., 1882. His personal philosophy helped shape Sigma Phi Epsilon. He became an evangelist and his inspiring oratory drew the attention of famed evangelist Billy Sunday who is said to have exclaimed: "If only the Almighty had given me the voice of Carter Jenkins!" Died 1952 in Louisville, Ky.



Robert A. McFarland
 Founder, born Oxford, N.C., 1876. Held important pastorates in three states and was a trustee of Wake Forest College and Fork Union Military Academy. Died 1960.

Thomas T. Wright
 Founder, born Locust Grove, Va., 1883. Surveyor, railroad civil engineer, business and community leader. Died 1958.

Thomas V. McCaul
 Founder, born Charles City County, Va., 1878. "Uncle Tom" was the first president of Virginia Alpha and wrote the Fraternity's first song. He helped establish Virginia Eta in 1907 and Florida Alpha in 1925. A Baptist minister, he remained active in Sig Ep affairs and attended Conclaves up until a year before his death in 1972 at age 93.

Frank W. Kerfoot*
 Founder, born Buckland, Va., 1876. Baptist minister; in service to his country as a U.S. Army chaplain at the time of his accidental death in 1918.

Lucian B. Cox
 Founder, born Princess Anne County, Va., 1879. Prominent lawyer in Norfolk, Va., author of law books and draftsman of Sig Ep charters and documents. Died 1971 at age of 91.

Edgar L. Allen*
 Founder, born in Virginia in 1880. A respected lawyer and judge in Birmingham, Ala. Died 1945.

William A. Wallace
 Founder, born Stuart's Draft, Va., 1882. Launched Sigma Phi Epsilon's second chapter, Virginia Beta, at the Medical College of Virginia. A physician in Spartanburg, S.C., and one of the best-known practitioners in the state. Died 1929.

TODAY: A Fraternity With A Plan

"The larger and purer the contribution of the individual..." These words of our founders are echoed in Sigma Phi Epsilon's strategic plan for today: "Building Balanced Leaders for America's Communities." This is the vision on which both alumni and undergraduates are focused today the vision that will enrich our brotherhood in the years to come

* Founders not pictured

CHAPTER NEWS NATIONWIDE



Gallaudet Chapter's Goal • Reducing Discrimination •

Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1993 chartered the D.C. Beta Chapter at Gallaudet University, one of the most prestigious universities for deaf students in the world. The chapter, some of its members shown here, has a fine record of community service, intramural and varsity sports, and support for the Balanced Man concept. Jason Malone, former chapter president, wrote: "The Beta Chapter was founded to bridge the gap between the hearing and deaf communities. Through education of our hearing brothers, we can reduce discrimination and prejudices that deaf people face every day. Our chapter is a great chapter that just happens to have deaf members."

Arizona State University • Surging Sun Devils • Under the leadership of newly elected President Rabih Ghoulam, who is attending Arizona State on a leadership scholarship, the Arizona Alpha Chapter is currently ranked first on campus in intramurals out of Arizona State's 22 fraternities. Complementing their excellence in athletics, Arizona Alpha has also logged more community service hours this year than any other fraternity on campus.

Arkansas State University • Helping Hand • The Arkansas Gamma Chapter teamed up with several local businesses this past holiday season in an effort to feed hungry families in the

Jonesboro area. The successful food drive helped make it a happier holiday for local residents throughout the Jonesboro area. Arkansas Gamma brothers also participated in the Head Start program, a community service effort through which the Sig Eps purchased and distributed holiday gifts for local needy children.

California State University-Sacramento • Thinking Ahead •



California Theta Chapter will be celebrating its 30th anniversary on April 30, 1994. The chapter has been planning for this event for quite some time. In fact,

the members of California Theta have been conducting a two-year campaign to update lost addresses of the alumni from their chapter. When they started the campaign, the chapter estimated it was missing the addresses for more than half of its over 600 alumni. Today, the chapter needs to find only 83 more addresses to have 100% accurate records.

Stetson University • Open to Everyone •



Florida Beta Vice President of Development Jeff Goddard and Scholarship Chairman Woody Black have initiated an ambitious study hall project for the campus. Sig Eps wanted to

create a reliable study environment to encourage scholarship and time management. Their nightly study hall is proctored at all times to ensure that the atmosphere is conducive to studying. The chapter has enjoyed successes in scholarship and recruiting. Members credit their achievements to solid goal setting at experiential learning retreats.

Wichita State University • Shocking Shockers • Last Labor Day, the Kansas Eta Chapter raised \$9,650 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's 1993 telethon. Kansas Eta was recognized as being one of the top 10 money raisers in the entire Wichita area.

CHAPTER NEWS NATIONWIDE

Ball State University • Caring about Kids •



The Indiana Gamma Chapter, in conjunction with Phi Mu Sorority, sponsored a "Nightmare on Riverside," to benefit the Indiana Children's Wish Fund, the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, and

Project Hope. The three-day event, including a haunted house grossed over \$4,000 to benefit terminally ill children.

Western Michigan University • Beta Broncos • Brothers at Western Michigan are proud to have participated in the Kalamazoo Area Academic Achievement program. In this program, 15 brothers volunteered once a week for 10 weeks to serve as mentors to area fifth graders. Many of these fifth graders are disadvantaged children having trouble in school. The mentor's job is to meet with his child at least once a week and help to work through his academic and behavioral problems. Said Chapter President John Schindler, "To maybe be the difference in turning a young child around is an amazing feeling." By focusing on service, the Michigan Beta Chapter is setting its sights on a second consecutive Buchanan Cup in Orlando.

Dartmouth College • Adopting a School •



The New Hampshire Alpha Chapter has paired up with the women of Delta Delta Delta Sorority to adopt the local West Fairlee Elementary School. As a result, the fraternity and

sorority duo are the co-winners of the first annual 15 Webster Avenue Award to be given each year to support charity and community service work by the college's fraternity and sorority chapters. Sig Ep and Tri-Delt will receive a \$2,000 award to purchase computers and programs for the West Fairlee School. New Hampshire Alpha Chapter President, Brother David Barrow is seen here (second from left) with members of the sorority and teachers from the West Fairlee School.

Plymouth State College • A Box-a-thon with No Boxing •

Brothers at New Hampshire Delta Chapter completed their third annual Box-a-thon, during which members of the chapter take turns sitting in a cardboard box outside of a local supermarket for 48 hours straight. Proceeds and donations from the charity benefit the local Pemi Homeless Shelter. Says Brother Douglas Bacon, "We sit in the boxes to demonstrate the plight of the homeless. For us, we can walk home for a quiet and comfortable evening, but the homeless have to deal with the elements on a day-to-day basis. With the Pemi Homeless Shelter in action, one can get a nice, warm, and comfortable place to sleep for a night." This year New Hampshire Delta raised over \$700 for the shelter. They also received coverage of the philanthropy in several local newspapers and television stations. Here, Brothers Gregg Schweitzer (left) and Jeff Weber take their turns in one of the boxes.



West Chester University • Tau Talks Trash •

Last October, members of the Pennsylvania Tau Chapter joined with over 100 other members of the West Chester Greek community in distributing 3,900 new trash recycling receptacles throughout the borough of West Chester.



University of Southern California • Global Awareness •

The members of the California Beta Chapter recently assisted Los Angeles Mayor Richard Reardon in welcoming the President of Korea, Kim Yung Sam, to Los Angeles. California Beta helped with the seating of dignitaries and guests for the ceremony and also assisted the Secret Service. With the help of Resident Scholar Gareth Hosford (right), seen here with National Director Roger VanHoozer, the California Beta Chapter has improved its grades and is currently ranked second of USC's 22 fraternities.



CHAPTER NEWS NATIONWIDE

California State University-San Bernardino • Don't Be a Grinch •

Last December, the brothers from San Bernardino presented their second annual Christmas philanthropy event, the Sig Ep Angel Tree. The brothers collected over 300 gifts for needy children from the city of San Bernardino, doubling the amount of gifts collected last year and bringing joy to children who otherwise would not have celebrated Christmas.

University of Chicago • Mu Maroon •

Brother Ali Lejlic was the captain for this year's University of Chicago basketball team, nicknamed the Maroons. Brother Lejlic led the team in scoring this season with a 19 point per game average. He also averaged five rebounds a game and finished his career with a 51.6 field goal percentage and as Chicago's sixth all-time leading scorer. Last summer, Lejlic worked in New York City writing press releases for the government of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The releases were distributed to the members of the United Nations Security Council. The job gave Brother Lejlic, of Bosnian-Moslem heritage, the opportunity to learn first-hand of the atrocities in that war-ravaged region.

Washington University-St. Louis • Consistent Performance • The brothers at Missouri Beta have a lot to brag about these days. Last fall, the chapter won the Chancellor's Cup during the homecoming festivities. Missouri Beta is currently on its way to winning a fourth consecutive Washington University intramural crown. The chapter's 28-man pledge class is the largest among the 11 fraternities on campus. Last year, the chapter won the Maurice Chambers Award for the best fraternity philanthropy program. The chapter is striving to win a second straight Chambers Award by sponsoring a Sig Ep three-on-three super-hoops basketball tournament, a blood drive, and a program through which members deliver exam care packages all over campus to benefit the St. Louis Association for Retarded Citizens.

Creighton University • Delta Dominates • This past spring, the Nebraska Delta Chapter recruited 37 balanced men, 12 more than the next largest pledge class on campus. The chapter's annual philanthropy, known as "Run with a Heart," is the largest student philanthropy event at Creighton University. Over the past seven years, through this 10-kilometer run,

Nebraska Delta has raised over \$15,000 for the Ronald McDonald House. This year, their goal is to raise \$7,500. The Ronald McDonald House is a home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals.

Pennsylvania State University • Lion's Pride • Last February, Sig Eps from the Pennsylvania Eta Chapter teamed up with Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority to raise over \$40,000 for Penn State's annual dance marathon. Proceeds from the dance marathon benefit the Four Diamonds Fund for children's cancer research. Over the past three years, the Sig Eps and the Kappas have teamed up to raise over \$140,000 for children's cancer research.

Clemson University • Kings of Hearts • The South Carolina Beta Chapter wrapped up another successful Queen of Hearts competition, raising over \$4,000 for the American Heart Association. Every year, the Clemson Sig Eps sponsor this competition in which sororities compete in sporting competitions, air bands, and penny voting. Last homecoming, the South Carolina Beta brothers put together yet another award-winning homecoming float, seen here.



St. Mary's University • Rambling Rattlers •

Sig Eps from the Texas Theta Chapter comprise a third of the St. Mary's Rattlers soccer team. Seen here, standing left to right, are Brothers Aaron Smith, David Hoffman, Jasen Anno, David Zahrieh, and Dave Vasquez. Kneeling from left to right are Brothers Kyle Thornton, Chad Kerr, and Vince Belli.



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Texas Wesleyan University • Sig Eps Abroad • Brothers Chris Masingill (left) and Tony Sanchez spent two-and-a-half weeks touring Russia with a group of 50 singers from Texas Wesleyan University. The two Texas Nu members are part of the singing group that won a competition for which the prize was a tour through the Russian cities of Moscow, Smara, Tolioti, and Vladimir. The trip was sponsored by the International Fine Arts Institute. While in Russia, Brothers Masingill and Sanchez got an opportunity to visit Red Square, Lenin's Tomb, and the Kremlin.



Baylor University • Rho Knows Winning • At this year's Carlson Leadership Academy, the Texas Rho Chapter came home with six awards: three for superior academic achievement, one for recruitment, one for implementing the Balanced Man Scholarship, and one for the changes that Brother Chad Carlson has instituted in Baylor's interfraternity council. Service has been a major component to the success of the Baylor chapter. Texas Rho continues to maintain a ranch for an 88-year-old local woman, something the brothers have done for the past 17 years.

Marquette University • More Scholarship Success •



After participating in the Balanced Man Scholarship for the first time, Wisconsin Zeta increased its fall pledge class from 13 men last year to 21 men this year. Wisconsin Zeta has established a tradition of kicking off its brotherhood development program with an all-chapter retreat at a nearby farm in Illinois.

University of Maryland • Terrific Terrapin • This past February, Brother David Stollman of the Maryland Beta Chapter was named IFC "Man of the Year" for the Northeastern Interfraternity Conference. Brother Stollman won the award as a result of his service to the University of Maryland as the IFC president for the past two years.

Western Michigan University • Super Service • The brothers of Michigan Beta have continued with their outstanding tradition of service to the Kalamazoo community. Already this spring, the chapter has been an active participant in the area Big Brothers program, organized a carnival for the elementary school students at Parchmont Elementary School, donated 205 pounds of food items for a local food drive, and helped do garden work at the Woodslake Elementary School through the Into the Streets program.

Wright State University • 20th Anniversary • On March 16, 1994, the Ohio Pi Chapter proudly celebrated its 20th anniversary. National Director and ABC News Correspondent Gary Shepard was on hand to attend the festivities.





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"As I look back I realize I learned a lot from my Massachusetts Beta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. I learned that a group of men could have a common purpose that goes beyond friendship. I learned that we have obligations

to other people and that ultimately those obligations aren't a burden but a source of satisfaction. When you live with a community of people you begin to see that simple ideas can turn out to be very complex. People

have different ideas, and goals, and aspirations. Working together to a common objective with these differences takes skill and experience.

"Today, society needs people who can think critically, who

can communicate and who can develop a level of trust and respect that will foster teamwork. It takes self-respect and self-discipline to be successful and I believe Sigma Phi Epsilon's focus on the Balanced Man will achieve this for our young Brothers now in the chapters. A focus on the Balanced Man is our contribution to achieving what needs to be done for our nation and our communities for the future. I urge my fellow Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni to learn more about the Balanced Man concepts."

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